

Mrs. Frederick began her career in 1957 as Secretary to the Registrar at Lander University. In 1960, she began working part-time in order to raise her children. Over the next thirteen years, she divided her time between family and career; and in 1973 she rejoined Lander's full-time staff. Less than ten years later, in 1981, Mrs. Frederick was promoted to Assistant to the President and Director of Alumni Relations. In addition to the duties she encountered with these new positions, Mrs. Frederick also coordinated the activities of the thirty-six member Lander Board of Visitors.

In 1984, Mrs. Frederick moved to Florence to join the staff of Florence-Darlington Technical College (FDTC) as Executive Assistant to the President. She served FDTC's Commissioners with an unbridled enthusiasm that secured her tenure through the leadership of five different Presidents of FDTC. Mrs. Frederick's dedication earned her the title of Director of External Relations in 1994. With this promotion she had oversight over all of FDTC's Public Relations, Marketing, FDTC Education Foundation, Alumni Relations, and Print Shop. After these many years of service, Mrs. Frederick is entering a well-deserved retirement, and looks forward to spending more time with her husband and their five grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in honoring Mrs. Helen Frederick, an outstanding South Carolinian whose dedication to helping those in higher education has touched the lives of countless students and a number of administrative staffs. I congratulate her on her retirement and wish her good luck and Godspeed.

INTRODUCTION OF H. RES. —

HON. LYNN N. RIVERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Ms. RIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. __, commending the NephCure Foundation headquartered in Ann Arbor, Michigan for establishing National Kidney Cure Week in the first week of October and encouraging the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make more information on kidney diseases available to the public.

Today, chronic kidney disease affects 2.5 million Americans. The U.S. Surgeon General has designated kidney disease as a focus area of the Healthy People 2010 campaign. The incidence of glomerular diseases, which attack the filtering mechanisms of the kidney, is increasing rapidly in the U.S. These diseases typically strike children from sixteen months to four years of age and often are difficult to diagnosis and treat. In their most severe form, glomerular diseases can lead to end stage renal disease—near or complete kidney failure requiring dialysis treatments or even kidney transplants. Sadly, even after a patient finds a donor, undergoes surgery, and receives a transplant, the disease can recur.

Glomerular diseases impact more than the patients and families directly affected—the economic costs associated with care, treatment, and loss of productivity are staggering. In order to raise public awareness and improve diagnosis and treatment of glomerular diseases, I am introducing this resolution commending NephCure Foundation for designating

the first week of October as National Kidney Cure Week and encouraging the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make more information available to the public concerning kidney diseases.

While treating kidney diseases effectively remains a challenge, there is potential for substantial scientific progress toward finding cures. Researchers at the National Institutes of Health are beginning clinical trials, with the goal of discovering new and innovative therapies for patients suffering from various kidney diseases.

National Kidney Cure Week activities will help develop public and private partnerships, encourage competency among health care providers, and promote health education and training. There are many national and regional organizations that will greatly contribute to and benefit from such partnerships: the NephCure Foundation, American Association of Kidney Patients, American Kidney Fund, American Society of Pediatric Nephrology, American Society of Nephrology, Association of Nephrology Nurses, the National Kidney Foundation, the PKD Foundation, and numerous other private foundations, universities, and hospitals.

Events held in connection with National Kidney Cure Week could lead to improved diagnosis, acute treatment, and disease management for Americans who are susceptible to kidney disease. The Secretary of Health and Human Services also could greatly improve awareness and treatment by strengthening kidney disease public education efforts. I am happy to support these efforts and to commend the NephCure Foundation for its leadership on this issue.

IN MEMORY OF EDITH DIVICINO DIFAZIO

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special woman, Edith DiVincino DiFazio, who passed away on Saturday, April 6, 2002. Edith was married to Pasquale (Pat) DiFazio for 53 years and they were the very proud parents of two children, Paul and Linda, and the ever loving grandparents of Michael and Allison Lech.

Mr. Speaker, Edith DiFazio was born and raised in New Britain, Connecticut and lived there her entire life. She made an indelible impact on the community she loved so much through her participation in local politics, her support of her husband in his business development, her community activism as well as the countless friendships she made and kept during her ninety years of life in New Britain.

Mr. Speaker, Edith was a woman who loved and was loved deeply in return by her family and her friends. She was in many ways a woman who was ahead of her time and she was a role model to everyone who knew her. Edith worked alongside her husband Pat who was the owner and president of Ames Construction Company. Among the Company's many projects are Pulaski Middle School, Chamberlain School, Knapp Village Apartments and Schaller Oldsmobile. With a constant smile and engaging personality, Edith found enjoyment in all aspects of life. She

learned the pleasure of raising plants and flowers from working in her father's greenhouse, Davis Florist Company in New Britain. She was a gourmet cook and her Italian cooking was considered to be the gold standard of cuisine and she served her community as a volunteer at the New Britain Memorial Hospital and as a member of the Greater Italian Junior League.

Mr. Speaker, if Edith DiFazio were asked what the greatest accomplishments of her life were, she would say her two children Linda and Paul. For almost half a century I have known and been part of the DiFazio family. Edith and Pat DiFazio were two of the most widely respected and loved members of our community. Edith was the core of her home and her family. She was as comfortable with U.S. Senators and Governors as she was with her pals at the senior center. Her dignity, her gracefulness, her kindness and her gentleness were her hallmarks. I have no doubt that as Pat welcomed her to heaven, so too did the angels because they wanted to add to their ranks.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House to join me in expressing our collective sympathy to Edith DiFazio's family and to give thanks for all she did throughout her life to make her community and our country better for human kind.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JODY VOSS

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Jody Voss and thank her for her extraordinary contributions to the Boys' and Girls' Club of Pueblo, Colorado. Her life-long dedication to both her job and the youth of Pueblo is matched only by the level of integrity and honesty with which she has conducted herself each and every day while at her post. She is known as a kind and caring soul with the utmost dedication and talent, and is known as a leader in her community. As Jody celebrates her recent milestone of twenty years with the organization, let it be known that I, along with each and every person with whom she has worked in Pueblo, are eternally grateful for all that she has accomplished in her many years of service.

Jody went to work for the Boys' and Girls' Club of Pueblo in 1982. As executive director, Jody, and the rest of her dedicated leadership, grew the organization from one center serving two-hundred fifty kids to seven centers involving over three thousand kids. For over twenty years, Jody has selflessly given her time, energy and unrelenting commitment to the youth of Pueblo, a milestone recently celebrated by the organization in early March. She is considered by many to be the backbone of the organization and the success the club enjoys today is a direct reflection of her diligence and commitment to our younger generations.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Jody Voss is a woman of unparalleled dedication and commitment to both her professional endeavors and the people of her community. It is her unrelenting passion for each and every thing she does, as well as her spirit of honesty and integrity with which she has always conducted

herself, that I wish to bring before this body of Congress. She is a remarkable woman, who has achieved extraordinary things in her career and for her community. It is my privilege to extend to Jody Voss my congratulations on twenty years of faithful service and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

HONORING JEWELL FRANCES
WELLS GOLDEN ON HER 90TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. JEFF MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer a happy birthday to one of Northwest Florida's true matriarchs, Jewell Frances Wells Golden, who turned 90 years old on April 16, 2002.

The daughter of one of the Northwest Florida's pioneering families and a true Panhandle native, Mrs. Golden has used her years to inspire and help shape our community in numerous ways. As a wife of 66 years to the late Albert Golden, their many business ventures can be felt all along the Gulf Coast. From humble beginnings, the two embarked upon undertakings that included a number of banks, oil companies, and a local newspaper. Along with these endeavors, side-by-side, Mr. and Mrs. Golden founded the Church of the Living God in 1977, where she is still a devoted member.

Mrs. Golden's influence reaches well beyond her business enterprises. Her impact earned her the 1970 "Personality of the South" and 1974 "Florida Mother of the Year" awards in recognition of her service to her community and state. Mrs. Golden was a delegate with the Florida Department of Agriculture with a mission to promote goodwill with other nations. She also served as director of Santa Rosa County's United Way from 1964–1965.

Mrs. Golden is adored by a family of 3 children, 11 living grandchildren, 20 living great (grandchildren, and a thankful community. Through her example, we have all learned that hard work, dedication, and strong values will lead to success and happiness.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to wish this special woman the happiest of birthdays and many more to come. I offer my sincere thanks for all she has done for Northwest Florida.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I was regrettably absent the week of April 8, 2002, and on April 16 and 17, 2002. Consequently, I missed the following recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall Nos. 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 92, 93, 94, 95, 97, and 98, and "no" on rollcall Nos. 83, 90, 91, and 96.

CHILD CUSTODY PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JIM RYUN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the American family, and to express my support to the Child Custody Protection Act.

As elected officials, we have been entrusted with the great responsibility of protecting not only the rights of the individual, but also upholding and reinforcing the authority of the States in which they live. Before us is a bill that not only strengthens existing state laws, but also protects a very vulnerable group in today's society—pregnant teens.

A 1998 poll shows that 78 percent of Americans strongly disagreed with the transporting of a minor across state lines to obtain an abortion without her parents' knowledge. Our constituents have spoken, and it is our explicit responsibility to protect the rights of parents in the 43 States that have parental involvement statutes.

One specific example is the Hope Clinic in Granite City, IL, which brazenly cites Illinois' lack of required parental consent through radio ads in St. Louis, essentially supporting the circumvention of Missouri State laws. We must prevent clinics from luring in teenagers from States where parental consent is required.

If our genuine goal as Representatives is to improve the safety and well-being of the American public, then we must pass the Child Custody Protection Act.

FAIR CARE FOR KIDS ACT

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mrs. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, each day an estimated 13 million children, including 6 million infants and toddlers, spend some part of their day being cared for someone other than their parents. Research shows that quality early care and education leads to increased cognitive abilities, positive classroom learning behavior, increased likelihood of long-term school success, and greater likelihood of long-term economic and social self-sufficiency. Childcare centers and family childcare homes need to provide care that promotes healthy development. Parents need to be able to go to work and have the piece of mind that their children are in safe, nurturing environments.

Childcare is costly. Many families cannot afford childcare. For families with young children and a monthly income under \$1,200, the cost of childcare typically consumes 25 percent of their income.

On an average monthly basis, more than 1.8 million children, nationwide benefit from federal financial assistance for childcare through Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Social Services Block Grant (SSBG), the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) and USDA Child and Adult Care Food program. There are more children receiving federal childcare help through these programs than through Head

Start. But, generally, the quality of care is much lower.

Reimbursement rates, which determine the maximum the State will reimburse a childcare provider for the care of a child who receives a federal subsidy, are too low to ensure that quality care is accessible to all families. Currently, in New Mexico day care providers are being reimbursed at lower rates than the current market rate, including licensed centers that provide infant care. As a result, many of the best childcare setting or even average ones, limit or do not accept children who are on assistance.

Low payment rates directly affect the kind of care children get and whether families can find quality childcare in their communities. In many instances, low payment rates force child care providers to cut corners in ways that lower the quality of care for children, including reducing number of staff, and eliminating staff training opportunities.

If day care providers are not reimbursed at or near the current market rate, then the lowest income children are forced to go to the most marginal settings. And in some states, parents or grandparents are prohibited from making up the difference between the subsidy and the fee for higher quality care.

Children in low quality childcare are more likely to have delayed reading and language skills. Parents need access to affordable, quality care for their children. Increased payment rates lead to higher quality child care as child care providers are able to attract and retain qualified staff, provide salary increases and professional training, and maintain a safe and healthy environment.

That is why I am introducing the Fair Care for Kids Act. My bill would require that current market rates are paid to day care providers who receive federal funding. Market surveys, which identify market rates, must be current and that is why they must be updated annually.

This bill is a step in the right direction for helping our working parents. This bill is a step in the right direction to providing quality day care to our children.

TRIBUTE TO THE CROATIAN SONS LODGE NUMBER 170

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate the Croatian Sons Lodge Number 170 of the Croatian Fraternal Union, on the festive occasion of its 95th Anniversary and Golden Member banquet, on Sunday, April 28, 2002.

This year, the Croatian Fraternal Union will hold this gala event at the Croatian Center in Merrillville, Indiana. Traditionally, the anniversary celebration entails a formal recognition of the Union's Golden Members, those who have achieved fifty years of membership. This year's honorees who have attained fifty years of membership include: William A. Bursich, Sally Cullen, Lynn Edward Evans, Steve Jack Grdina, Anastasia Kresich, Eugene Krukowski, Michael F. Luketic, Charles Peretin, Stefania Peretin, Dorothea Petrovich, Stephen Ratkay, Dennis Rivich, Frances Staesnick, Peter T. Sut, and Mary Ann Thews.